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INTERESTING BUDGET OF NEWS AND NOTES FROM BUSY BELTON

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Belton, March 25.—The play "The Time of His Life" as presented at the Belton opera house Tuesday night was the greatest success of any play ever presented in Belton.

The children in the specialties were exceptionally fine and delighted the audience with their perfect rendering of "William a Tremble Toe," "House That Jack Built," and other games of long ago.

The door receipts amounted to about \$85.00. This money has been promised to the library association for an encyclopedia for the library. The players worked hard with this encyclopedia in view and are truly to be congratulated both for their historic success as well as for their broad-mindedness in the object for which they were working.

SIX AND TWENTY.

Williamston, March 25.—The first day of spring, 1914, will doubtless be a day long remembered by our people. With a strong, cold northeast wind blowing all day and followed by a snow storm at night it was enough to make an impression on one's mind that will not be easy to erase.

Do first bird of spring first to sing. Put before he had uttered a note, he fell from de limb, And a dead bird was him, For de music had friz in his throat.

SIX AND TWENTY

The new residence of C. E. Pflgrim on the Piedmont, read is nearing completion. This will be one of the best homes in the county when finished.

Emory Williams has purchased from W. H. Tucker the Lawson Galliard place near Walker-McElmoyle. This is one of the finest little farms in Anderson county. The price paid was \$75 per acre.

We are glad to state that those of our people who have been so seriously ill are now improving. Frank Welborn of McElmoyle attended Sunday school at this place last Sunday.

J. W. Fowler had the misfortune to lose a valuable milk cow Saturday night. It is thought she was poisoned from eating some kind of poison vegetation in his pasture.

Misses Margie and Savilla Newton of Walker-McElmoyle were at Sunday school here Sunday. We have the information from A. W. Pickens that one of the biggest

was a welcome visitor in our Sunday School last Sunday. Harry up, Jack Frost, and cut it out. The writer is glad to hear that the infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pickens, who was so sick at the last writing has greatly improved.

THE CORN WORM

Six and Twenty Correspondent Writes Interesting Letter.

Williamston, March 25.—We recently read an article in a farm journal from an Alabama farmer who has been experimenting with corn for the purpose of trying to escape the ravages of the corn worm that ruins so much corn before it ears. He stated that he planted a field of corn for four years in succession, planting one half the later part of March and the other half the later part of April or the first part of May. The next year he planted his early corn on the land where he had his late corn the year before and continued this swapping about for the four years. Every year his early corn was almost ruined by the worms, while his late corn was almost free from them.

We think it would be a good idea for Clemson College and the farm demonstrator to give the farmers through the county papers any information that they may have on how to overcome the ravages of this worm that is causing thousands of dollars loss every year.

SOUTH WILLIAMSTON

South Williamston, March 25.—H. I. McGee spent Wednesday in Anderson on business.

Kenneth Coughman of Clemson college has been visiting at the home of W. M. Sherard.

Adjutant-General W. W. Moore will arrive in the city on the 31st to inspect the headquarters of the First Regiment band. He will be accompanied by an army officer.

Charlie Nelson, who is working with a trestle gang at Peak, was called to his home this week on account of the serious illness of his wife.

The people here are deeply interested in the company's offer of \$50 in prizes for the best gardens and all are hard at work getting ready. They wish to cooperate with the mill management and endeavor to make this one of the cleanest and prettiest and healthiest mill villages in the country.

A Hard Luck Yarn

By Old Cap, Ramer

Old Cap-Ramer, who fought the Mexicans in times of peace and argued with South Carolinians in an off-year in politics, has returned from a visit to his old home at Bethany, Missouri, and brought a lot of new patois, otherwise known as "patter." In his repertoire is this one that he picked up somewhere along the line:

"I saw a man who would toddle into hard luck, sweet takes without the hesitation. His collar showed conclusively that it had been in service for a long time. His coat was much for the worse for wear, his shoes were all at heel, and it was evident that he had not been able to coax his whiskers to quit growing.

"After he had divulged the fact that \$1 would be sufficient to enable him to win out in the great battle of life he consented to explain the cause of his downfall.

"You see," he said, "I'm an educated man. My talk shows that I'm the wisest of 'em. Some men claim that there is a such thing as good or bad luck. They will tell you that being who is down and out has been foolish or reckless and if you attempt to argue with them they will insist that he has only himself to blame for his misfortune. Well, there is such a thing as bad luck, and I am ready to prove it. I was an editor once. I had a nice paper in a little town out in Missouri. It was doing very well.

"In another year or two it would have been bringing me a comfortable income, but everything was spoiled one day because a man whom I had not seen for years came into the town and wanted to talk over old times with me.

"I had been in the habit of filing a couple of columns every week with personal notes, as they do in the country papers. It is good business. People like to see their names in print. When you publish the fact that Mrs. Hester Jones spent Sunday with friends in Hammersburg, Mrs. Jones becomes your friend. It happened that this old friend of mine came to town on the day my paper went to press. I had just written an item which said that Mrs. Harry Bootsworth was shopping over in Birmingham last week, and I was so anxious to see across to the city store with my friends that I didn't wait to read the proof. Mrs. Bootsworth's husband was six feet three inches tall, had a head like a watermelon, and a prominent white nose in our vicinity. When my item appeared in the paper it said Mrs. Harry Bootsworth had been shopping over in Birmingham last week.

"Yes, there is such a thing as bad luck, and even men to the contrary notwithstanding.

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These days our store is a regular "stocks-exchange" for the hard-to-please dressers and hard-to-beat garments. Everybody's unloading their old-time clothes-trouble.

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KAY-MATTISON & CO., Belton, S. C.

SACRIFICED MEN TO COVER RETREAT

Federal Commander Left Hun-dred Facing Shrapnel Ignorant of His Leaving

(By Associated-Press) Zapata, Mexico, March 25.—(Via Hider to Faredo, Texas)—Monday's battle at Guerrero, near here, resulted in the retreat of the federals under General Guardiola, numbering about 900 men.

Guardiola stationed 100 men on house tops at one o'clock in the morning to cover his retreat. For 3 hours these men held the position, possibly all of them in ignorance that they were making a perilous stand or covering a retreat.

Meanwhile Guardiola's main force got safely away in orderly formation. A federal sergeant, who escaped to the United States, was authority for the story of the retreat. He claimed Guardiola attempted to sacrifice the lives of 100 men of the 29th Infantry to save the major portion of his command.

These men, said the sergeant, were disposed along the outskirts of the town and on house tops where they kept up a furious rifle fire under cover of which Guardiola's retreat was executed, rapidly. It was not until 4 o'clock that the band of 100 realized that they were fighting alone, feeling a constitutional force of about 100, which was equipped with cannon and two machine guns. Consternation immediately spread among the handful of defenders, who scattered in all directions, pursued by constitutionalists. Some of the federals were killed, some captured, six crossed into the United States and the others are said to have escaped into the hills.

The attack was wholly a surprise to the federals, who had expected to meet the constitutionalists nearer to Matamoros, which was the objective point of the federal campaign.

The rebels had four cannon and machine guns. Their shrapnel was placed with such accuracy that the federals were forced four times in change the position of their artillery.

REBELS FIGHT FEDERALS ON MILITARY TRAIN

Matamoros, Mexico, March 25.—Santa Maria, on the Mexican national line between Saltillo and Monterey, was the scene of a spectacular fight Monday between a rebel force under General Francisco Cos and federals on a military train, according to reports received at constitutionalist headquarters here today.

When the military train appeared the rebels fired several cars loaded with food and used them to derail the military train. Despite the fact that the federals were superior in number, the rebels made an immediate assault and it is reported that the federals were completely routed, leaving fifty dead.

Another despatch received at rebel headquarters report the capture of Santiago, a small town thirty miles southwest of Monterey.

BEAUFORT PLAN TO SOON BE LAUNCHED

City Manager and Chamber of Commerce to be United, City-sees Pledge \$2,500

Beaufort, March 25.—With compelling enthusiasm the Beaufort board of trade established a movement that will make the town and county alive with initiative. Over a hundred members and guests heard Mr. A. V. Snell, secretary of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, outline an original plan for promotion work in a small town.

Eighty-nine contributors pledged \$2,500 a year to carry out the plan. The co-operation of the municipality is a part of the project.

Beaufort's plan promises to be for the towns of 5,000 and under what the Sumter plan is for the larger cities. A committee appointed by President C. E. Deane of the Board of Trade, is working over the details of the project with Mr. Snell.

Professor Evidently Murdered

Nashville, March 25.—The police believe that Professor Giuseppe Mercalli, director of the Vesuvius Observatory, who was believed to have been killed in a fire at his residence in Naples, Italy, is missing. It is believed that he was carried off to the church by a priest, Mr. L. T. Campbell, and that he is now in the hands of the Italian government.

NO BETTER Photographs

Washington, March 24.—Dr. Oliver Kinley, a young North Carolina graduate of John Hopkins University, and who was awarded a commission as army surgeon, was today found dead in the bathroom of his boarding house today. Gas was flowing from a jet and all the cracks had been stopped up. Dr. Kinley was a native of Kinley, N. C.

Consensus Report of Loss

Washington, March 25.—Charge O'Shaughnessy, in a report to Secretary Bryan, confirmed the news that a preliminary loss of 50,000,000 pesos had been obtained. It was pointed out that the resumption of interest payments on the foreign debt suspended last January, probably would tend to make Mexico's foreign creditors anxious over the security of their claims.

San Francisco agents of the Southern Pacific steel company say that the gardens of the front of two years ago the citrus fruit or orange crop this year will be 25,000 carloads.

Advertisement for BOSTONIAN Famous Shoes for Men. Includes an illustration of a shoe and text describing the quality and fit of the shoes.

Advertisement for BELTON BARGAIN STORE. Includes an illustration of a shoe and text promoting various styles of men's and ladies' shoes.

Advertisement for TAYLOR'S HATS RO STUDIO BELTON, S. C. Includes an illustration of a hat and text promoting various styles of hats.

Large advertisement for A. S. FANT, BELTON, S. C. Promoting fertilizers with a headline "\$36,600.00 GIVEN AWAY!" and text describing the benefits of the products.